

Philately Reaching A New Low?

World's Stamp Dealers Must Fight New Gaudy Flood Of Labels Made Like Stamps

George W. Linn

It would seem to be about time for a few really smart and honorable men who are in the stamp trade as a business, to make a move to organize a stamp dealers association in which every member would be pledged (and with suitable penalties set up if the pledge is violated) to trade only in legitimate Postal Issues of Recognized Governments of the World and other stamps, as Locals or legitimate issues of any nature, which are properly issued under regulations of recognized governments. To include also, legitimate reprints when represented as such and counterfeits when offered in the same way.

It must be realized that stamps of this kind are sought by specialists for study and research into postal history.

We firmly believe if an organization like this was formed and if such an organization advertised to the effect that a novice collector could trade with the dealer members of the association, with the complete assurance that they would be treated honestly and honorably, that the group would get strong support from the collector.

It is time something was done to protect the buyer. It is the buyer who makes the dealer possible. If it is to continue that the buyer is to be cheated at every opportunity, certainly a lot of them will give up the hobby in disgust.

How Low Can Philately Sink. If I were an artist I would cartoon that line. I would show a beautiful damsel representing Philately. I would show her sinking into the mire with her face and arms and bosom bitten and covered with fleas and other vermin.

Who is to blame for this situation. Nobody except the stamp dealers who ask the collectors to patronize them. If just a few stamp dealer members of the BPA, or the ASDA, would get together and make demands that their Association take action to stop the sale and marketing of this label material by any member dealer it could be licked in an instant. Must we believe that there are not dealers who would like to see this trash out of the market? Action speaks louder than words and we urge action by those who could stop it at its source.

We have pleaded with the American Stamp Dealers Association to take some action, but nothing has as yet been done. The ASDA could take action. They could condemn this material and if they did, every stamp publication in the country would print their condemnation statement as news and thus collectors could be warned. Publishers could be asked to refuse advertising space to dealers who offer it, and they would refuse, but so long as the ASDA supports this trash by inaction these same publishers fail to take a stand on the matter. Perhaps fearful of loss of advertising patronage.

It is a pity that the average collector who receives some of these labels on approval, represented as stamps as we know stamps, does

not turn the approval selection over to a U. S. Post Office Inspector or his local postmaster with a charge that the mails are being used to defraud. That is just what is being done and it only takes one brave soul to start sellers scurrying for a hole to hide in.

A few weeks ago we advised our readers through our editorial column that another flood of labels was ready to be turned loose on the stamp market. This lot was inspired by the success of the sale of the Lundy Labels which have pestered collectors for years past. They are made in all the choice ways that rare items can occur. Imperfs, Part Perfs and other errors are available for those who want them and who are sucker enough to buy them.

The Island of Herm is now offering its product through British Wholesalers who seemingly have no compunction about what they sell as long as they sell it.

Let us see now if the British Philatelic Press will condemn these British made labels.

Notice the pretty triangles on the front page of this paper which children will fall for as fast as they can get hold of the necessary money to buy a set. That is what they are aimed at, the youth of the world.

Note the top row of fishes. They are probably all intended to be suckers, so you will remember what a sucker you have been for buying them.

Ever since Topical Stamp Collecting gained such momentum there has been an effort on the part of many countries of the world to make sets of stamps to supply the demand from those who collect Animals, Flowers, Fishes and many other things. It is bad enough that Philately has to put up with such issues from recognized governments. When many collectors cannot afford mint sets at face the various governments are graciously cancelling them and selling at a fraction of face.

Truly, Philately is being pushed down enough by recognized governments without letting the pickers from illegitimate sources cut in on the deal.

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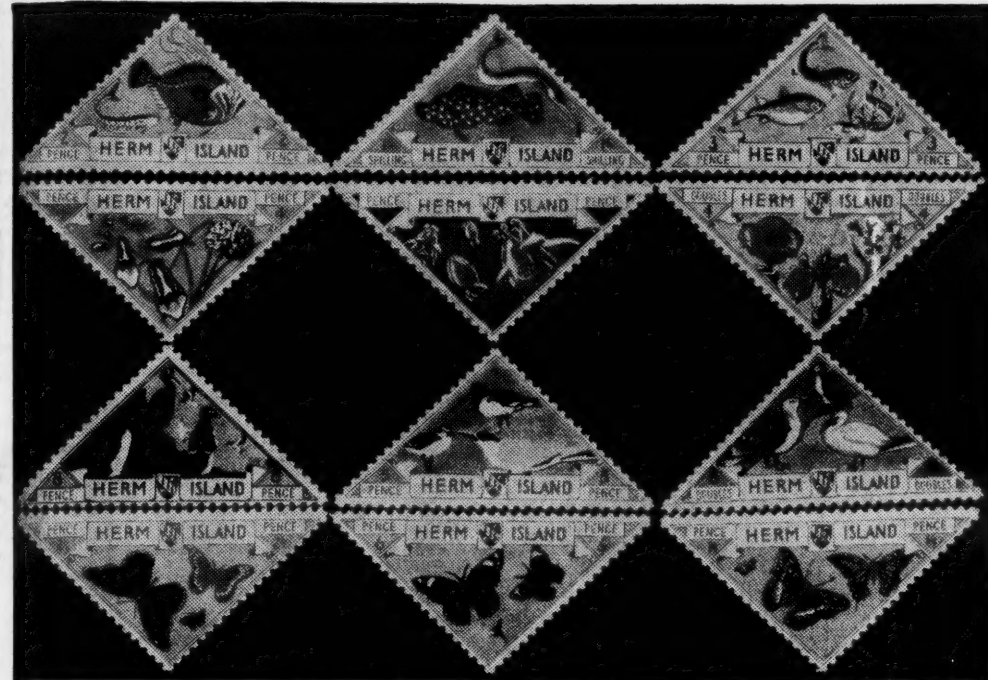


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Paintings And Artists Of Venetian School Are Shown On World's Postage Stamps

Claire McAlister

At the beginning of the Renaissance painting was almost wholly confined to the Church. From the Church it extended to the Council Hall and to the Mutual Aid Societies — the Schools — where it rapidly developed into an art which had no higher aim than painting the life of the aristocracy.

These Mutual Aid Societies, or Schools, were not schools as we know them today. In those days there were no art schools where young painters attended classes. If a boy decided to become a painter, he was apprenticed at an early age to one of the leading masters of his town.

If he showed talent and could imitate his master to perfection he would gradually be permitted to work on the paintings for which the master had received commissions. Perhaps eventually he would paint a whole picture from the master's sketch and under his supervision.

This is the reason why the schools of painting developed such a clear individuality of their own. Connoisseurs of art can recognize whether a fifteenth-century picture comes from Florence, Siena, Nuremberg, or Vienna.

Among the Italian schools of painting probably the Venetian is the strongest and most enduring. Their wonderful mastery of color is the first thing that attracts most of us, but their handling of subject matter is also appealing to us.

The Church had educated people to understand painting as a language and it could not be long confined to the channel of religious emotion. By the end of the 15th century, Venetians desired their paintings to show life as they lived it. It is true that artists continued to paint the Madonna and saints, but they painted them as people like themselves who found life worth living and wore their splendid robes with dignity.

One of the earliest of the great painters of Venice was Giovanni Bellini. So far we have not been able to identify any stamp as having (Continued on page 8)

Finland Offers Dragonfly, Bee

Finland's 1954 annual issue of Anti-Tuberculosis semipostals will have a first day on December 7 according to Martin Bostrom, Hertig Karlsalle 59B, Orebro, Sweden. There will be three stamps in denominations of 10 plus 2 marka in brown; 15 plus 3m red; 25 plus 5m blue.



Designs, all conceived by Mrs. Signe Hammarsten-Jansson, are respectively, bumble-bee, butterfly and dragon-fly. Engravers in the same order are S. Ronnberg, B. Ekholm and R. Achren. There will be a half million copies of the low value and 400,000 each of the high.

Mr. Bostrom believes that the Norwegian centenary of postage commem will appear around January 2. Whether there will be more than the one stamp is not known at this time.

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The symbolic representation of flight depicted is the work of Angel Medina Medina, artist and designer of Uruguay.

Mr. Medina is a new designer of United Nations stamps; moreover, this is the first time that the UN will issue one conceived by an Uruguayan artist.

The design will be printed in two denominations, 3c and 8c. The 3c will be blue-grey, and 8c dark carmine. Printing will be by Waterlow and Sons Ltd. of London, England, to which firm the general contract for the printing of UN postage stamps for 1955 was awarded earlier this year.

Also announced by the UN Postal Administration is the winner of the recent International Competition for a UNESCO postage stamp design, held by the Administration on behalf of UNESCO, he is George Hamori of Tel Aviv, Israel.

The prize-winning picture, for which UNESCO will make an award of \$500, depicts the UNESCO emblem, surrounded by a border with rounded corners, in which appears the text "United Nations" in the five official languages of the UN.



The jury which made the award in favor of Mr. Hamori consisted of Rene d'Arnacourt, Head of the Museum of Modern Art, New York; Douglas Schneider, Director of Mass Communication, UNESCO; Byron F. Wood, Director, Communications and Records Service, UN Secretariat; Gerald Carnes, Liaison Officer, UNESCO, at UN Headquarters and Reidar Tvedt, Chief of the UN Postal Administration.

Before the jury were 67 designs, submitted by 37 artists representing 18 countries.

Mr. Hamori is a 35-year-old Israeli artist. He was born and educated in Budapest, Hungary, and during the Second World War spent four years in captivity. At the end of the war he emigrated to Israel, to start life afresh. He is a new stamp designer, so far as UN postage stamps are concerned.

Monthly Magazine Devoted To Israel

Launched with a November 1954 first edition is a new magazine, "The Holy Land Philatelist", Israel's Stamp Monthly. It is published by Israel Periodicals, 13 Montefiore St., Tel Aviv, Israel. The editor is F. W. Pollack.

This inaugural release is indeed an impressive magazine with its many illustrations and its fine articles on Israel and Palestine stamps and postal history.

Language of this and future issues will be English. An innovation which should be popular is the translation of Yiddish inscriptions, found on stamps and on related material, into English. This feature is to be continued right on through the alphabet and should prove a boon to those not conversant with the Jewish language.

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New Special Delivery

It has been a long time in coming and after almost 30 years it is definitely high time, and a welcome sight, to see the new 20c Special Delivery, with a design that is more up to date than the long antiquated truck pictured on the superceded 20c.

However odd it may appear, the facts remain that out of 25,000 plate numbers that the government has prepared since it took over the printing of postage stamps, only 200 numbers have been used in the printing of Special Delivery stamps or, to be more exact, 199. In other words, of the first 25,000 plate numbers only one pair of plates have been used for Special Delivery purposes out of every 250 plates that go to press.

That is indicative how few plate numbers there are in the Special Deliveries when any collector of plate blocks contemplates the inclusion of Special Deliveries in his, or her, collection.

Special Delivery stamps fall into a class that enjoy only limited use. That is to say they cannot be used for any other purpose, except Special Delivery. If you will recall, the post office department made it clear that anyone who requested first day covers on this Special Delivery had to add 3c or 6c (for air mail) postage.

On the basis of Special Delivery issues of the recent past, it is safe to assume that possibly two or four plate numbers, at most, may be used, for most likely this stamp will also be printed by the rotary process, and the number of impressions that can be had from the rotary press printing is large and would, therefore, not require more than a maximum of four plate numbers for a few years to come.

In obtaining plate blocks or plate singles of this new one the ability to obtain them parallels closely the recent 4c airmail, and the 80c airmail of two years ago.

Special Delivery service is far more common than it used to be in the past.

To obtain plate blocks of the 20c Special Delivery you need only buy a strip of twenty stamps from the Philatelic Agency, in Washington, D. C., unless you know of several good friends who are postal clerks at stamp windows, and who would be willing to oblige you every once in a while with a well centered plate block or two. The fact that only two or four plate numbers may be reasonably expected, makes it a handy and easy problem to include the Special Deliveries in your collection. The blue color will also be an appreciated change from the dark black of the old edition of 1925.

At a later date I will give you the breakdown on all the plate numbers that have been used for Special Delivery, from the time that the American Bank Note Company did the printing of our postage stamps and through the entire period from where the United States government took over in 1894, to date.

Two Commems From Italy: One Vatican

Although several Italian commemoratives have been definitely "killed," two Italian and one Vatican commemorative issues are due before the end of 1954, according to P. Ostrow.

There will be two engraved stamps, 25L. and 60L., in honor of Amerigo Vespucci, who gave his name to the American continents. A single will pay homage to Silvio Pellico, revered author of Italy's Risorgimento period.

A Vatican commemorative will honor St. Augustine. It may be expected at any time.

Trip To London Paid With Stamps

A reference to philately is contained in the autobiography of the late John Murray Anderson, published November 12 under the title, "Out Without My Rubbers". Roy Swanson of St. Paul, Minn. noted the item.

It seems that before Anderson came to New York and staged such shows as the Greenwich Village Follies, and Almanac, he was an antique dealer in St. Johns, Newfoundland who occasionally took a flyer in stamps. The reference to philately reads —

"I also gave ardent attention to the matter of stamps and philately. I wanted to go to England and this was as good a way as any to finance the trip! I accumulated a collection of Newfoundland stamps, always very popular with enthusiasts in this universal hobby. I bought quantities, in sheets—the more 'surcharged' ones the better — and soon had a sizeable stock. "One of the local collectors was a genial and bulky gentleman, known to the trade as 'Flatulent Frederick', the Felicitous Philatelist."

"I took my collection of stamps over to London and sold them at a handsome profit."

Christmas Edition Of Gimbel Bulletin

The special Christmas issue of the "Stamp News" distributed by Gimbels in New York, Philadelphia and Milwaukee; Marshall Field in Chicago; Rich's in Atlanta; J. L. Hudson in Detroit; Jordan Marsh in Boston; and Kaufmann's in Pittsburgh is now ready for collectors in the areas served by these stores.

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*Unused; O-Used; FH-Block; □-Cover; T-Tied on piece; P-Proof; S-Specimen; W-Wholesale; +Plus; NH-Never Hinged; VF-Very Fine; S-Straight Edge; Var-Variety; Reg-Registered & Backstamped; Cpt-Complete; Bl-Slight; MC-Maltese Cross; SW-Silver Wedding; FDC-First Day Cover; Ret-Retail Price; App-Appearence; Guar-Guarantee; Cent-Centered; Centering; Ovpt-Overprint(ed); Bkt-Booklet; Plt-Plate Number; Obs-Obsolete; Inv-Invert(ed); Scar-Scarce; dbl-Double; C&A-C&A; SG-Stanley Gibbons; San-Sanabria; CW-Commonwealth; Mich-Michel.

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143	12 F app, rebanded, VG	70.00
144	22 pair nice app, G-VG	65.00
145	36 Phila. black carrier cancel, VG-F	15.00
146	30a red cancel, G-F	17.50
147	152 pair, VG	20.00
148	60 Good	16.00
149	70b paid cane, G	35.00+
150	85E Z-grill, VG	55.00
151	80 G-VG	8.00
152	91 Very Good	20.00
153	96 Hogo, Japan cane, VG	NP
154	112 G-VG	12.50
155	114d one grill split, VG	NP
156	1150 VG app, defective	75.00
157	121 VG cent, good	37.50
158	149 F hit "3" cane, Rare, VG	NP
159	153 peris clear, VG	45.00
160	157 secr. mark shows, G-VG	10.00
161	159 pair, fresh, OG, VG	30.00
162	205a fancy cancel, VF	11.00+
163	279c OG, VG	7.50
164	282c OG, VG	8.50
165	283b G-F	8.50
166	320a pair, F app, G	15.00+
167	345 imprinted Plt, blk of 6	22.00
168	346 arrow blk, VF, gum cr.	25.00
169	349 line pair, fine	8.00
170	403 Good	8.00
171	404 VF but heavy cane.	35.00
172	440 no gum, faulted	50.00
173	476 F cent, soiled	12.00
174	483 Very Fine	6.00
175	483 Center line, G-VG	25.00
176	483 Center line, VF	25.00
177	483a no gum, fine	30.00
178	498-9, 503-7, 9-14, all cane.	NP
179	Pago Pago, Samoa, G-F	NP
180	498b imprinted vert, VG-F	60.00+
181	512 F app, small thin	28.00+
182	516 Plt blk (6), 2 extra	NP
183	phantom Plt, NH, VG-F	NP
184	578 F app, tiny thin	27.50
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186	579 pre-cane, G-F	13.50
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188	C23 Line blk, top pair gummed both sides, F, NH	15.00
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190	E15 retail \$50, F	75.00
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193	O107 OG, VG-F, few perfs parted, scarce	60.00
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195	Q12 VF, no gum	25.00
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200	U150 double print, V, F	NP
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207	RW5 Plt side, VG	8.50
208	3P4 VG-F, Retail \$8.	10.00
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210	121P4 Fine, Ret. \$5.	6.00
211	1117C3 VF app, mtd on card	5.00
212	0847C2 VF app, mtd on card	5.00
213	26L1 VF	25.00
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I am certainly getting a rather liberal education in chemistry these recent weeks — at least the chemistry which has to do with the changing of the color of postage stamps. This, as you know, has all been brought about by an opinion expressed here that the \$1 Presidential "honestly" exists printed with a carmine frame. Uncle Sam prints it in purple.

When I stuck by beautiful, long, white and much scarred neck out on this one, I was well aware that colors of stamps can be changed chemically. I've had a lot of fun along those lines myself.

However, if chemicals are used to change the purple to carmine, you at the same time will work some kind of a change on the black of the vignette. Where the change has been effected with various fluids this black, and the ink of any part of a cancellation which might be on the stamp, are caused to change to a lighter shade and density, bordering on a grayish black.

A number of the carmine border items sent here have the black of the vignette and that of the cancelling ink just as sharp and intense as the day they were printed. Those are the stamps I believe are legitimate varieties.

As yet I haven't received any laboratory report on those stamps sent off for expertization. Will tell you soon as I do.

Also brought on by the above has been the sending of the same \$1 stamp in a blue color frame. That one is an easy item to explain and put in its place.

You can do it by applying water-glass (a substance composed of sodium silicate, or potassium silicate dissolved in water) to the face of the stamp. The stuff will harden, and you will have a dinkens of a time removing it, but the frame color will be blue.

These items tell on themselves, for in removing the water-glass a lot of soaking goes on, and a roughening of the paper surface occurs during the mild scrubbing.

1. In what year did Thomas Jefferson first appear in a stamp design?

2. In what year did Lincoln first appear in a stamp design?

In the November 1954 edition of "The Bureau Specialist," official magazine of the Bureau Issues Assn., there is an excellent article about the "\$1 Wilson, Series 1938, Dry Printing" by George W. Brett.

As you know, the \$1 printed on pre-gummed paper in sheets of 400 subjects, had a first day on August 31.

R. A. Bryant, Box 64, West Somerville 44, Mass. is the editor.

A seemingly discouraged collector, who is having more than a fair share of trouble, admits via a letter that "it's about time some advice is solicited."

Like so many others, he too has laid a few blocks and a sheet or so away, now and again, for "investment." His difficulties are in the form of blocks which have split and curled, and sheets which have done likewise. He also has several sheets with a brownish cast. He admits "he done wrong" and now wants to do right, but he wants to

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C128 .08	C70 .10	C15 .75
C129 .20	C73 .10	C23 .05
C130 .10	C77 .20	C26 .05
C131 .10	C78 .10	C48 .97
C132 .10	C79 .10	C50 .10
C133 .10	C80 .10	C51 .10
C134 .10	C81 .10	C52 .10
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C137 .10	C84 .10	C55 .10
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C139 .10	C86 .10	C57 .10
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C141 .10	C88 .10	C59 .10
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That they met serious competition is evidenced by the fact that the collection brought more than 25 percent over the auctioneer's pre-auction estimate. Interesting realizations include the following. (Scott catalogue prices in parentheses for blocks are based on a multiple of the price for a single.)

1897 Jubilee \$1 o.g. (\$20) - \$21; \$2 o.g., slight gum wrinkles (\$45) - \$37; \$3 o.g. block of four (\$220) - \$420; \$5 o.g. block of four (\$240) - \$430; 1897-1927 presentation booklet containing 77 die proofs or essays stamp size in black - \$2400. 1898 Map 2c large die proof in black - \$82.50, plate proof of black design in imprint block of 9 - \$170; 2c black and red, imperf. block of 4 - \$110; 1912-24 coils, perf. 8 vertically first printing, 3c, o.g. sheet of 100 (\$1000) - \$525.

1935 Silver Jubilee, compl. issue of 52 Plate blocks of 10 (\$216) - \$270; imperforate, sets in pairs - \$160 each, in blocks of four - \$310; 1935 secret date, 10c to \$1 large die proofs in color - \$62.50 each, imperforate set in Plate blocks of 6 - \$475. The collection brought \$47,547.25 against the estimate of \$37,522.50.

1955 Editions Soon Of Reference Books

Service and Regalia Co., 48 Franklin Ave., White Plains, N.Y. advise that they have been named the agents for the Mueller Postage Stamp Catalog for Germany and the Saar, in the United States. The 1955 edition of this reference work will appear in December or early January.

Both countries are given specialized listings including the various die, color, plate, perforation and watermark. Language of the text is German — selling price is \$2 postpaid.

The firm will also have an English-Translated version of the "Dr. Wittmanns Catalogue and Handbook on the German Building Issue." All known varieties are recorded, the illustrations are plentiful and the pricings will be in dollars and cents.

Expected release date is February. It will sell for 75c postpaid.

Small Quantity Of Trieste INTERPOL

An unusual small quantity, for Trieste, of the INTERPOL comm. was prepared for sale by overprinting the original Italian stamp with the legend "AMG-FTT". Only 100,000 were issued.

The transfer of this territory to Italy caused some delay in the release. It is a 25 Lire for the International Police Conference, advises Vittorio Lo Bianco of New York City.

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UNION SOUTH AFRICA. The set of 14 animal stamps have arrived here and it is a good addition for those interested. The name of the colony appears in both languages on each which eliminates the necessity of buying pairs.

CEYLON. Although very high values are issued primarily for fiscal use, they are bought mint by collectors. At a recent auction sale in London, a mint copy of the 100R of the 1921-27 issue sold for 35 Pounds.

VIRGIN ISLANDS. The 1951 set to commemorate the restoration of the Legislative Council in 1950, No. 98-101, is a scarce set and due for an increase in price. The 1955 catalogue prices are: Scott \$2.80, Gibbons 9/10d and Commonwealth 13/6d.

This set is given as the week's good "FYND" by Fynden in Stamp Collecting (London).

AUSTRALIA. For some years, the Australian Trade Commission in New York City has supplied current and new stamps at face value, plus postage. This has been discontinued as of October 30 and stamps will only be sold by direct order to Australia. Orders must be sent to Philatelic Bureau, General Post Office, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Return postage must be included.

GREAT BRITAIN. Scott's 1955 Catalogue, part one, makes substantial increases in most of the earlier items. The 20th century stamps also received many advances in price, including some of the offices.

CANADA. Do not overlook the three 1953 Canada coils, which will have had a short life, as all Canadian Elizabeth stamps have been or will be superseded by those with the new portrait in an oval. Canadian coils have always increased in price when they became obsolete and these 1953 coils should be good.

ASCENSION. The current issue is not available from the Crown Agents, inasmuch as a new printing is on order and should be released soon.

CEYLON. New printings of the 4c, 5c, 30c and 1R stamps are on order. The release of these stamps should complete the new Ceylon set.

COMMONWEALTH Catalogue. The 1955 catalogue of George VI and Elizabeth stamps is the most up-to-date on these issues. This applies to the listing with all varieties and to the pricing of same. The illustrations are complete and the position on the sheet of the varieties is given. For the serious collector of these stamps this catalogue is a MUST.

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ing been reproduced from one of his paintings. One of his pupils was Giovanni Botticini, c.1446-c.1497, whose Raphael and Tobias is shown on Vatican City airmail stamps of 1948 (Scott Nos. C16-17). This was a favorite theme of painters of the period.

The story is told in the Book of Tobit, The Apocrypha. The incident chosen is the journey home of Tobias, guided by the angel Raphael, carrying the fish's gall with which to cure his father's blindness. Presumably this unguent is contained in the little jar which the angel holds in his right hand.

The fish carried by Tobias is an anachronism for the Apocryphal story goes "... open the fish and take the heart and the liver and the gall and put them up safely. So the young man did as the angel commanded him; and when they had roasted the fish, they did eat it." Regardless of the Apocryphal story, the fish and the little dog (who is mentioned in the story) struck the imagination and are generally included as emblems of Tobias.

Rev. Aloysius Horn, one of the world's greatest authorities on religion on stamps, wrote me that the canvas is in the Academy des Beau-Arts, Florence.

Out of Bellini's workshop also came Titian, 1477-1576, the most famous of all Venetian painters. Titian was born in Cadore, in the southern Alps, and is said to have been ninety-nine when he died of the plague in Venice. During his long life he attained fame almost as great as that of Michelangelo. His early biographers tell us with awe that the great Charles V did him the honor of picking up a brush he had dropped.

If we remember the strict rules of the court of those times, we will realize that the greatest embodiment of worldly power was believed to have symbolically humbled himself before the genius of Titian.

His greatest fame with his contemporaries rested on portraits and it is only by them that he is represented on stamps. His portrait of Clarice Strozzi is on Saar B96. The Strozzi was among the most powerful and influential of the great Italian families, but we have been unable to determine which member was the father of Clarice.

Vatican City No. 116 shows a detail from Titian's portrait of Christoforo Madruzzi, 1512-1578, who was the Bishop of Trent at the time Paul III convened the Council of Trent. The account of this issue of Vatican City was given by William Wonneberger, Jr., in Linn's Weekly Stamp News June 30, 1952. So far as we know, the portrait is in the James Stillman Collection, New York.

Vatican City No. 120 pictures a detail of Titian's portrait of Charles V which was painted in 1548, the year the emperor issued the unsatisfactory "Interim" and attempted an abortive reconstruction of the imperial constitution. The tired face and sad eyes in the portrait reflect the weariness and disillusionment which presently confirmed the emperor in his intention to abdicate. The canvas is in the Pinakothek, Munich.

On Vatican City No. 121 there is a detail from Titian's portrait of Pope Paul III, who was born Alessandro Farnese. With the support of Charles V he started the Council of Trent, May 22, 1542. The canvas, we believe, is in the National Museum of Naples.

A portrait by Giovanni Girolamo Savoldo is shown on Liechtenstein No. 261. About him we have learned nothing other than that he was born in Brescia in 1480 and died in Venice in 1548 or 1549.

Lorenzo Lotto, 1480-1556. Concerning his life we have found little in our local library. Vasari describes many of his portraits, but says almost nothing concerning him personally except that when he had become quite old he had almost entirely lost his voice and that he died, as he had lived, in the manner of an up-

right man and good Christian, resigning his soul to the hands of God his Maker.

Bernhard Berenson made a quite complete study of the painter's work, but his book is not available to me. In nothing that we have is there any mention of Lotto's portrait of Columbus shown on U. S. No. 244 — one of the nice little items in the Columbian Exposition Issue. For those of us who must be satisfied with less, the same portrait is shown on type A14 of Chile. The canvas is owned by James Ellsworth of Chicago.

Sebastino del Piombo's (c.1485-1547) real name was Luciani. The date of his birth has been calculated from Vasari's statement that he died at the age of sixty-two. The date of his death is known with certainty to be 1547. He acquired the first principles of his art from Giovanni Bellini and later came under the direct influence of many of the greatest masters of Italian art, including Michelangelo.

In 1531 Sebastino received the office of Piombo (keeper of the papal seals) and from this office he derived his name. He at once assumed the habit of a monk and always added an F. for Frate before his signature. After his appointment he lived a life of ease to make up for his laborious early days.

He was one of those rare artists who having the capacity for artistic greatness failed to develop that capacity. From his Raphael attempted to acquire those potent secrets of magical color which came so easily to the Venetians. In his "The Italian Painters of the Renaissance" Berenson says: "At his rarest best Raphael, as a master of color, never went beyond Sebastino."

The portrait of Reginald Cardinal Pole, 1500-1558, on Vatican City No. 117, is by Sebastino. Pole was one of the great English prelates. The canvas is in Lenin-

grad. The only other portrait on stamps we have found by him is another of Columbus which is shown on several South American stamps: Chile, type A15; Colombia No. 472, Costa Rica No. 124, and perhaps others.

The original is in the Metropolitan Museum. On the top of this picture there is a Latin inscription which says that it was painted in 1519 and "is the marvelous portrait of the Ligurian Columbus, the first to reach by ship the world of the Antipodes."

The portrait by Sebastino and the one by Lotto are the only portraits on stamps of Columbus we have so far been able to identify. Incidentally, it has been said that no portrait of Columbus is known to have been painted from life or during his lifetime.

Jacopo da Ponte, 1510/15-1592, received the name Bassano from a small market-town. It was for the inhabitants of this town that he painted his pictures. Into nearly every picture he painted episodes from the life in the streets of Bassano and in the country just outside the gates.

Bassano is considered to be the first modern landscape painter. Working, as he did, in the country and for country people, he could not fail to paint landscapes direct from nature. Even Titian and Tintoretto's beautiful landscapes were only decorative backgrounds, arranged to look like scenery. Bassano was the first Italian who tried to paint the country as it is. The paintings of Bassano and his two sons are noted for their jewel-like coloring.

Bassano has one other great attraction — he began to beat out the path which ended at last in Velazquez. More than all others, the Venetian school of painting went to form that great Spanish master.

Bassano's "The Good Samaritan" is shown on Saar B87. The story is found in Luke 10, verses 30-37. The episode pictured: "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was; and when he saw him he had compassion on him and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine..." Today the trail to Jericho over which

"a certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves" still winds through the wilderness of Judea. But now it is a modern highway upon which Diesel-engine trucks climb with the products of the Dead Sea region.

We are indebted to Reverend Aloysius Horn for background details on this canvas. He wrote: "The painting is now in the National Gallery, London. It was from the Pisani Palace in Venice and was once in the collection of Sir Joshua Reynolds. The Samaritan in a crimson tunic raises the wounded Jew, his mule and two dogs are to the right. In the left background is a hilly landscape with figures; in the right background is a dark rock. The canvas was sold at the Samuel Rogers' sale in May 1856 and thus reached the National Gallery. There is a repetition of this painting in Berlin."

On Vatican City No. 113 is a portrait of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, 1491-1556. We have read that the portrait is by Jacopino del Conte, but it has occurred to us that this may be merely a different version of the name del Ponte as the dates given are identical.

Saint Ignatius founded the society of the Jesuits.

Paolo Callari 1528-1588, is better known as Paul Veronese. He was the product of four or five generations of Veronese painters, but as his art was so similar he was readily absorbed by the Venetian school. He was primarily concerned with interior decoration, costume, and Venetian pagentry, so it was not easy for him to accommodate his style to religious demands. He was even brought before the Inquisition, accused of adding details which detracted from the sacred content of his religious works. He replied to them that he had done so just to make the pictures more beautiful.

His chief employers were the monasteries. Berenson writes of him: "His cheerfulness and his frank and joyous worldliness, the qualities, in short, which we find in his huge pictures of feasts, seem to have been particularly welcome to those who were expected to make their meat and drink of the very opposite qualities."

Veronese's "Oath of Pontida" is shown on Italy No. 485. Pontida has a famous Benedictine Abbey of 1081, according to information furnished us by another member of the American Topical Association — John B. Kaiser, of the Newark Public Library. This abbey is the traditional first meeting place (April 7, 1167) of the representatives of the towns that formed the Lombard League.

The "Oath" refers to one taken at the time of the formation of the League. According to Reverend Horn there are no identifiable historical characters on the stamp. The National Museum has published a book on the stamps of Vatican City. In the book is an article concerning this stamp by Reverend Horn.

By the eighteenth century, Venice had become a political and economic backwater; but somehow the city-state managed to retain enough of its cultural vitality to produce Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, 1696-1769. His works were great enough to give a new impulse to art and his paintings left in Spain help explain the revival of painting in that country under Goya.

The Spanish Air Mail stamp of 1952 (C137) shows a scene of an angel holding up a monstrance from "La Eucaristia" by Tiepolo. According to my Maximum Card, dated 1952, the painting is in the Prado Museum.

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The Golden Gate Bulletin in with a 2c Socorro, N. Mex. A lot to check over shows the 1c, 2c, 3c and 8c from Watsonville, Calif. — another source brings a 1c from Moreno, Calif. Don't know why all are from the west. Only east item is the 1c Worcester, Mass.

The Christmas mails will undoubtedly bring many nice items out. So keep your eyes open.

DATEDS.

When dating came into use some firms were so zealous about applying the dating that every once in awhile they even forgot to get the stamps precancelled. This happened to some Special Delivery items dated NEA from Cleveland but when it happened to some lesser known firms the town is very difficult to identify.

I mentioned a 19c item some months ago and never have established its identity. In checking over a lot today came across a 7c Presidential with only the dating "II Co. APR '41." Only a little later came across a 11c with same initials but a "MAR '40" dating and that stamp was precancelled Massillon, Ohio. So of course that establishes the town on the 7c item.

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Members of the Roosevelt Philatelic Society of Chicago recently cast ballots for 1955 officers. Emerging as the new president is Dr. Joseph D. Comroe. He will be assisted by vice presidents John W. Moehr and C. P. Jorgensen.

Remaining as secretary and editor of the club's medal winning "The Straight Edge", is L. E. Van Reeth, 8134 Kenwood Ave., Chicago 19, Ill. Frank S. Landers is the new treasurer.

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Canada—Coils	3v	.16
Colombia—Fair	3v	.43
Cuba—T.B.	4v	.08
Czechoslovakia—Army	2v	.80
Dominica—Queen to 24c	11v	.70
France—Metric	1v	.15
Germany—Prov., Syrs. Stamp D.	11v	.28
Germany—Berlin 70pfg.	1v	.28
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CHINA (Communist)—The Director General of Posts of this country advises that a three-value set was recently issued commemorating the first anniversary of the death of Josef Stalin. Values and designs are: 400y black, featuring a statue of Stalin; 800y brown, picturing a portrait of Stalin and a 2000y red value featuring another picture of Stalin.

FORMOSA—On October 21 two stamps, both of the same design, were issued in commemoration of the second anniversary of the "Overseas Chinese Day." Values are 40c orange and \$5 blue. The design shows a globe, bridge, ship and the ocean.

FRANCE—A new coat-of-arms set has been issued, replacing the sixth set that was issued in 1953. Four of the values were placed on advance sale in Paris on November 3, in connection with the "Salon de l'Enfance" exhibition.

These values are: 50c, Maine; 70c, Navarre; 80c, Nivernais and 1 franc, Bourbonnais: On November 11, the rest of the set was issued. These three values are: 2 franc, Angoumois; 3fr Aunis and 5fr Saintonge.

LIBERIA — The six-value Transportation Airmail series has been utilized for a set of airmail stamps, in commemoration of the visit to the United States of the President, Wm. V. S. Tubman.

The same designs as the Transportation have been used, but will be in different colors, and an inscription has been added, reading: "Commemorating Presidential Visit - U.S.A. - 1954." These were placed on sale on November 19. Values and colors are: 12c orange; 25c blue; 35c red; 50c purple; 70c brown and \$1.00 green.

LUXEMBOURG — The 1954 Caritas stamps are to be issued on December 3, and will remain on sale until February 12, advises the Administration of Posts. The six value set will feature folklore of Luxembourg.

Values and colors are to be: 25c plus 5c red-brown and pink, and 2 francs plus 25c dark brown and ochre. The designs on these two will be "Eimaischen", a fair held every Easter Monday. The 80c plus 20c brown-black and green and 4 francs plus 50c ultramarine and bright blue will both have as their designs "Hammelsmarsch", marching prize sheep and a brass band.

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PORTUGAL — On November 17 a two-value set, was issued commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Military College. The stamps, both of the same design, were designated by Candido Costa Pinto. Values and colors are: 1 escudo chestnut on light green background, and 3.50E blue on a light green background.

SWITZERLAND — The 1954 Pro Juventute set will go on sale December 1, and will remain valid for postage until June 30, 1955. The set comprises five stamps, with a surcharge. Aside from the set there will also be on sale booklets containing twelve 5c plus 5c values, twelve 10c plus 10c values and four 20c plus 10c values.

Values of the set are to be: 10c plus 10c, 20c plus 10c, 30c plus 10c, and 50c plus 10c. These values will have as their designs insects.

The 5c plus 5c has a portrait of Jeremias Gotthelf, a novelist.

Souvenir Sheet For Turkey's PTT

On October 17 Turkey had a first day of issue of a souvenir sheet containing three stamps in honor of the Post, Telephone and Telegraph Department. It contained three stamps, each symbolical of the three services.



A 20 Kurus sea green pictured crossed hand-phones; the 30k blue violet, telegraph pole and wires; 1 Lira red violet, dove with a letter and the globe.

According to Gimbels Stamp Department, but 40,000 were issued. They remain valid for postage until December 31.

Israel Revenues Attract Collectors

The Israel Philatelic Agency in America, Inc., reports interest in the newly-offered revenue stamps of that country. These are being sought by philatelists, who round out their regular collections with the fiscals.

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Nov. 20, 21—Polish Philatelic Club, Kosciuszko Foundation, 15 E. 65th St. New York City.
Nov. 21—Memphis Stamp Collectors Club, Memphis Museum, Memphis, Tenn.
Nov. 27-28—Saginaw Valley Stamp Society, Shrine Temple, Saginaw, Mich.
Nov. 27-28—Rubber City Stamp Club, Mayflower Hotel, Akron, Ohio.
Dec. 5—Ferndale and Birmingham Stamp Clubs, Lincoln High School, Nine Mile Rd. & Livernois, Ferndale, Mich.
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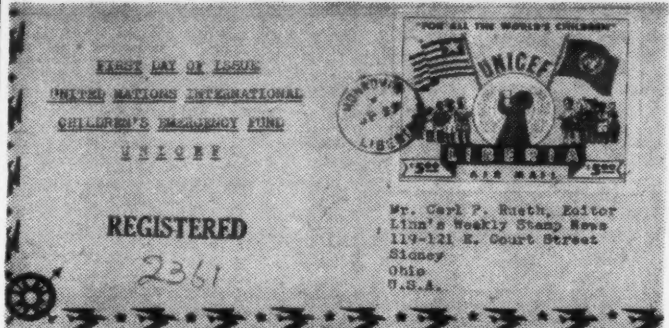
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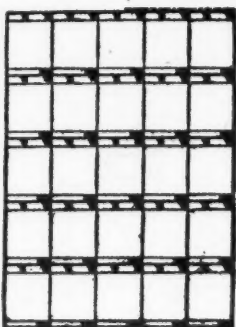
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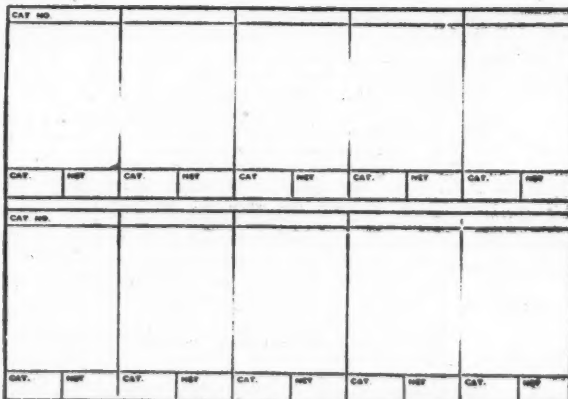
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Liberian Six For President's Visit

On November 19 the Republic of Liberia issued a set of six airmail stamps commemorating the visit to the United States of President William V. S. Tubman.



The design used are those of the 1953 Modern Transportation airmail series, printed in new colors, and with an added inscription which reads as follows: "COMMEMORATING PRESIDENTIAL VISIT - U. S. A. - 1954".

The set consists of the following denominations: 12c orange; 25c blue; 35c red; 50c purple; 75c brown; \$1.00 green.

These stamps may be purchased by mail from the Liberian Philate-

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Afghanistan Gift To The "Foundation"

One of its life members has presented to the Philatelic Foundation a most interesting gift comprising four sheets of eight of the Afghanistan 1892 Revenue Stamps. These are similar in design to Scott type A19, and are printed in tete-beche rows of four, on flimsy colored paper.

The gift also includes two rare original dies from which the 1891 Revenue stamps were made. These are similar to Scott type A16, A17 and A18. These dies are cut in stone, as were many of the original dies for the stamps of Afghanistan and certain Indian Native States. A substance such as jade or jasper was frequently used.

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A joint exhibition has been scheduled by the Ferndale Stamp Club and the Birmingham Stamp Club at the Lincoln High School in Ferndale, Mich., for Sunday December 5, 12 noon to 6 p.m.

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